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ObamaCare specifics: what will change?

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
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Under this controversial health care plan 95 percent of Americans will be covered for health insurance. This question is: how is this possible?

According to the White House's website, health insurance is now more affordable by creating the largest middle class tax cut that America's health care has ever seen. The new bill also reduces the cost for 32 million small business owners and families who cannot currently afford health insurance. The bill is said to reduce America's deficit by over 100 billion dollars over the course of ten years, and by more than one trillion dollars in twenty years by decreasing government overspending.

"[The bill] sets up a new competitive health insurance market, giving millions of Americans the same choices of health insurance that members of Congress will have," said the White House's website.

Those who are already insured under a health care plan will be able to keep the same doctor and health care plan if they wish. The reform will lower premiums for those plans by reducing administrative costs. Beginning January 1 of 2011, it will be a requirement for insurance companies to spend most of Americans' premium dollars on medical care, not on their own profits. In September 2010, insurance companies will not be allowed to drop an insurance holder because of sudden illness.

Also starting in September of 2010, it will become illegal for health insurance companies to deny coverage to children due to a pre-existing condition. Children can also be covered under their parents' insurance until age 26 unless the child is already covered under an employment health care plan. In 2014, the child can choose to stay under their parents' insurance plan even if they are already covered through their employment. The health bill does not affect Americans' choice of doctors.

"Under this budget, we will provide the health and human services that Americans depend on more effectively, slashing waste and focusing programs on results," said Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

The bill has many benefits for Americans as a whole, but what about the upper class?

According to StreetInsider.com, the downside to this bill is that unearned income will be taxed by 3.8 percent if the individual makes $200,000 per year, and also for couples annually making $250,000 collectively. This tax applies to unearned income such as dividends, rents, royalties and capital gains. Also, Medicare tax will go up to 2.35 percent from the current 1.45 percent for those individuals making over $200,000 per year.

Health care companies will be taxed an extra 2.3 percent on medical equipment sales. The pharmaceutical

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Spring 2010 Academic Excellence Day

BY JESSICA PALL
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On April 15, students, faculty, and attending public will come together for Academic Excellence Day and learn about the projects and accomplishments of Saint Leo students.

"Overall, Academic Day is an opportunity for students to support each other, learn what their peers are working on," Dr. Spoto said, "and to celebrate with their success."

Academic Excellence Day starts at 1:00 pm, where student projects and presentations will be given in the Library, Lewis Hall and Crawford Hall until 3:50 pm. From 3:00-3:50 pm musical performances in Selby Auditorium will be given. The day concludes with an awards ceremony from 4:00-5:15 pm in the SCC Boardrooms followed by a reception lasting until 6:00 pm on the SCC Patio.

"Academic Excellence Day is a reflection on the students' progress," Penny Freeman said, "It gives them the opportunity to showcase themselves and their developed projects."

The presentations are broken into different categories according to the discipline they represent. Further, the projects are either presented by a single student if he worked alone or a small group if it was a collaborative effort.

"Holding Academic Excellence Day is keeping with the values of excellence," Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Durst said, A manifestation of our core values, Academic Excellence Day is an opportunity for students to show their hard work and is a day for students to receive attention and congratulations from their peers and faculty."

Dr. Spoto, Dean of Arts and Sciences, is in charge of running Academic Excellence Day while Penny Freeman organizes it. Essentially, it has been held for more than a decade at Saint Leo. Originally just an awards ceremony, Dr. Astolfi reorganized the day's procedure and added student presentations before the ceremony.

In this year's Academic Excellence Day, senior Bill Dentinger is presenting "How Using MYSTATLAB® In An Introductory Statistics Class Affects the Final Grades?"

"I have been working on this project since the beginning of this spring semester," Dentinger said, "I meet with Dr. White for 55 minutes once a week to discuss and work on this project." A math major, this senior level project is a requirement for graduation and Dentinger is taking a class that correlates with it.

Senior Honors students are required to present their senior honors project on this day. These projects were picked the second semester of their junior year and developed with a faculty advisor during their first senior semester. Other presenters include students from all majors who showcase their projects or papers.

Opinions

She Said What???

Health care reform could use a re-form

BY KATIE GAISER
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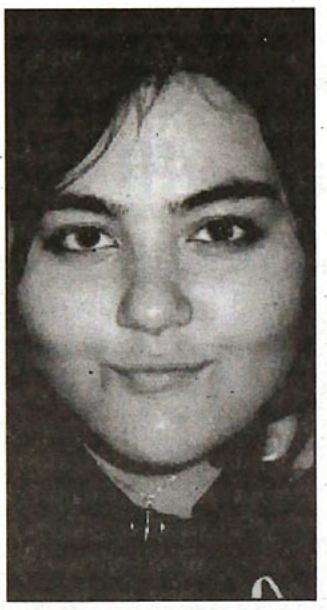
I'm fairly certain that most people have taken their respective sides on Obama's new health care reform. However, I'm not so confident because for the first time ever, I am touched by both the benefits and the downfalls for a reform that is supposed to be "the solution."

Let me explain myself. According to Obama's website, this health care reform is going to provide health coverage for 95% of the country while still maintaining the current health care system. Where is this money coming from one might ask? To put it frankly, people like my parents. The money provided to pay for all these uninsured Americans comes from raised taxes for people making over $200,000 a year. It also takes a toll on the pharmaceutical companies, who will be charged an extra three billion dollars in excise tax every year.

My parents are both in the pharmaceutical business. They fall right into this income range. Under normal circumstances, I suppose I wouldn't give a second thought about where the money is coming from for this reform. I have always believed that every American should have health care as more of a right than a privilege. However, now this right will be given at the expense of people like my parents who have worked hard to advance in their careers and earn as much as they do. And believe me; they're still paying their student loans off.

I don't know about other families in this income range or how they spend their money, but I can tell you that the Gaisers lead a modest life. It's not as though we have mansions, expensive cars or take exotic vacations. I'd say most of my parent's money goes to us kids. They pay four college tuitions at 3 different universities. They take care of my extended family and are always very generous to my friends and their families. They throw parties for everyone to enjoy and they donate to good causes. They are the most giving people I have ever known.



I guess now more than ever, since they'll be helping millions of Americans get health insurance.

To me, this reform is bittersweet. I have always been a believer in Obama as a person and a President and I haven't totally lost that belief. It just seems to me that this money could've come from some other source.

What about the insurance company stock holders themselves? Why isn't the money coming from their pockets? I'm sure the funds that the government could get from pawning of couple of their billion dollar yachts and private jets would be more than sufficient in paying for many health insurance plans. These people are the reason people can't afford health care in the first place!

In the mean time, people like my parents get penalized because they make more money, however nothing in comparison to these greedy CEOs and stock holders. These monsters might as well have my folks pay them directly, since it seems that's where it's still going anyway.

Perhaps one has to be in my position to understand where I'm coming from. This law is a great thing for so many people, but it still affects my family negatively. I hope those who benefit from this reform can be appreciative for it.

And that what she said.

Play with fired and you might get burned

A letter from the editors

Dear Students of Saint Leo University,

When boredom struck a group of Saint Leo students two Saturdays ago, they decided there was absolutely nothing better to do then to light an entire bundle of newspaper, over 100 papers, on fire in the Benoit barbeques.

When I decided to attend Saint Leo University, I didn't fully comprehend the importance of the Core Values, to be brutally honest I thought they were childish and couldn't believe that the University actually followed them. Alas I was proven wrong. Now as a senior in my last semester with just about a month left till graduation, their importance couldn't be any more evident. Like our wonderful handbook says, they are a "practical, effective model for life and leadership in a challenging world."

With that said, we would really love to see more students emulate these core values on a daily basis. To anyone considering burning school newspapers, did you know it is against the law and punishable? If we knew who you were you could be prosecuted. Why, one may ask? Well, *The Lions' Pride* is a student newspaper and is considered property; ergo, those papers would be deemed stolen, and when they were found as ashes they would be deemed destroyed stolen property.

In addition to the legal consequences of burning campus newspapers, there is also the consequences imposed by Saint Leo for "creating a fire safety hazard." Please refer to your Student Handbook article 4 section B11, under fire safety states, "Students are expected to act with due regard for the health and safety of others. Violations of this standard would include, but are not limited to, such behaviors as: failing to evacuate a building or failing to cooperate with authorities during a fire alarm or drill; deliberate or negligent activation of a false alarm; tampering with fire safety equipment; creating a safety hazard, starting a fire or causing an explosion. Students will be held financially liable for the fines imposed by the Fire Department, applicable expenses (clean up, recharging a fire extinguisher, etc.) and will be subject to disciplinary action."

If students are bored on a Saturday night, perhaps they should consider doing homework or studying. If this is not appealing, perhaps students should check out the events going on around campus. There are more and more events happening on a daily basis and NO ONE should ever be that bored.

Unfortunately, people who light papers on fire, probably don't read them. But for those students who do, try to encourage fellow classmates to consider the worth of the paper and how hard this team works to create it for the campus. It's likely there were bystanders who could have prevented this inexcusable act. *The Lions' Pride* would appreciate an apology from those who are guilty of this crime, but likely will not receive one. Please know it's a great insult to use our papers in such a disrespectful way.

To all of our readers, thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,
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and Katie Gaiser
on behalf of *The Lions' Pride*
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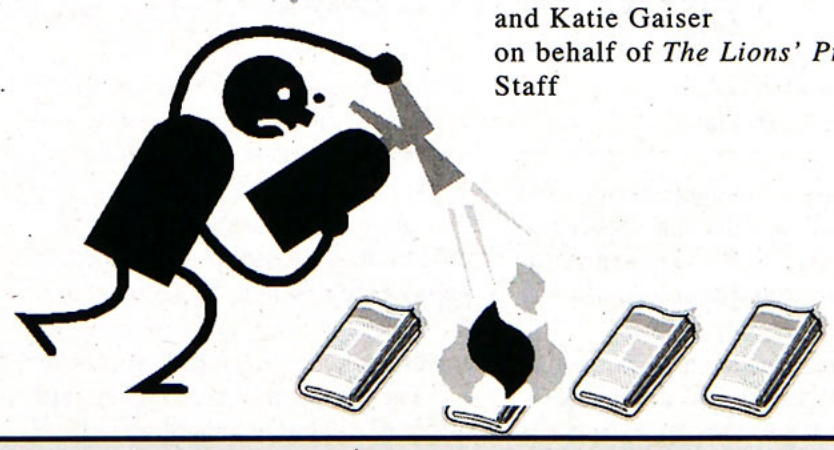

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industry will be charged an extra three billion excise tax per year. In addition, tanning salons must pay an extra ten percent tax per year.

With change comes some good and some bad, but Obama made this reform with positive goals in mind. According to HealthReform.gov, his goals are to reduce the long-term growth of health care costs, protect families from severe debt or bankruptcy due to health care costs, guarantee American's choice of health care plans and doctors, improve patient safety and quality of care, maintain coverage when an American loses or changes their job, and to assure affordable and good quality healthcare for all Americans.

Responses to ObamaCare

"As a nation that is so focused on helping other countries, how can we possibly move forward in any positive light if we don't first help those next door to us? This plan for health care is a step in the right direction to making a difference for the average person regardless of job status or education level." - Freshman, Catherine Tallant.

"I don't think that the government should be the dictators of our health care plan. The medical professionals should be driving our health care concerns. It has always been part of our employment package to decide what policy we choose and now they want to take that choice away from us. Also, the fact that the congress members themselves put in a clause that states they can opt out and get their own insurance while us as Americans must take what they give us is scary. If they have this option, then there must be something that we don't know about. What's good for the goose should be good for the gander!" – Sophomore, Elizabeth Conroy.

"I would like to nod to both the Hippocratic Oath, particularly the line, "I will prescribe regimens for the good of my patients according to my ability and my judgment and never do harm to anyone," as well as the UDHR, Articles 1, 3 and 25. All physicians must take the Hippocratic Oath, and Eleanor Roosevelt played a big deal in the UDHR and Article 25 specifically. If a person were to receive a medical procedure which she could not pay for after the fact, the hospital can't undo the procedure (despite the "Repo" craze). This isn't unheard of, hospitals do often have to count some losses for the good of patients, but they do a great deal to avoid this when possible and it does lead to malpractice or breaches of the Hippocratic Oath, which, at least when my dad took it, was a big deal requirement for physicians." - Junior, Joseph Sears

"I support the bill because I believe the greatest strength of the United States is our people – regardless if they are rich or poor, black or white, young or old. Together we weave a patchwork quilt capable of producing something beautiful. But if we decide that some of our brothers and sisters are not worthy, for whatever reason, to contribute to the warp and weft of this our American quilt, if we do not aid them when they are sick and hurt, then we not only have committed an immoral act reprehensible in the eyes of this world and the world beyond, we have weakened our country. Our strength is built on diversity. If some of our folk cannot pay the outrageous cost of simply keeping body and soul together, then we must as a united people do something about it. Obama's healthcare bill is that something. It's not perfect, but it's a start. With this bill 30 million people who did not have healthcare coverage now have it. This bill allows people who have preexisting conditions to get coverage. This bill is the right thing to do because it's the compassionate and logical thing to do." - Karen Bryant

"Peoples' basic health should not be handled in an unregulated market where companies are just out to make as much money as possible at the expense of lives. I really can't see how people call this bill socialism or communism since the government has not by any means taken over the industry" Junior, Julia Teal

"The concern I have about the bill is that in the long run, my generation will be paying for it." -Sophomore, Mike Shaw

The Quest

Students of Saint Leo come together on a journey of wisdom.

BY JORDAN COATES
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Fellowship and worship is thriving within the walls of Saint Leo's resident halls as students come together to make up the ministry called "The Quest."

"The Quest" is a student run ministry. The ministry has been around for about ten years, formally known as the "Lighthouse." The "Lighthouse" started as a protestant ministry that was recognized as an official club on campus, and was led by John Zeller, the Chaplin for the Saint Leo University baseball and basketball teams. After some time, the club lost allocations, but continued to survive from the offerings of students who attended each week. The group met in Selby Auditorium, and almost every seat was filled. For two years, junior Krystal Filsinger attended regularly. With the leaders of the ministry graduating, they asked Filsinger to take over. Taking charge of her own calling and purpose at Saint Leo, Filsinger investigated the history of the "Lighthouse" and joined with other students to form a small leadership team. The students worked together to keep the ministry alive and active. As a group they made the decision to form a new face for the "Lighthouse", and together they changed the name to "The Quest."

After presenting their new name and mission for the ministry to SGU leaders, they decided to bring it up in the next official Student Government meeting. The group elected two senators and put together their roster. After the plans of the ministry were presented, a unanimous vote accepted the club. Upon this acceptance, they formed a leadership team and responsibilities were assigned. They found a pastor, Jake English, and held their kick-off for "The Quest" in the beginning of fall semester 2009.

"The Quest" is now a growing and thriving ministry here at Saint Leo University. The group meets every Monday at 9pm, currently located on second floor, apartment four lounge. Every week there are cookies and other refreshments. Pastor Jake shares an encouraging message from the Bible and everyone comes together to talk and get to know each other on a deeper level.

Flisinger said of the Quest, "God has truly blessed this ministry and it could not have been done with Him."

"The Quest" is open to all students of any religion or denomination. The group does not require knowledge of the Bible and welcomes all to come.

Filsinger said, "it is a time to come take an hour break from our stressful and busy lives, to hear an uplifting and encouraging message."

The meetings open and end in prayer, and Pastor Jake and sometimes others share a short message. Afterwards, the floor is open for conversation, comments, and discussions. The relaxed and comfortable atmosphere of "The Quest" brings together college students to appreciate God and life, and to learn more about God's purpose in our life.

The group invites and encourages all to attend, relax, and find the answers to life's burning questions. The group's mission statement is:

The "Lighthouse," or now "Quest" is an organization that provides a spiritual atmosphere where students of all denominations and faiths are welcome to worship Jesus Christ. We are a group of students that grow spiritually through small groups, weekly prayer services, weekly meetings, and community service opportunities. We encourage and support each and every student's personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Current leaders are President, Krystal Filsinger; Vice President, Tory Zelman; Secretary, Kelsey Cunningham; Treasurer, Cody Allen; Historians, Anysia Weiht and Josue Vazquez; SGU Senator one, Justin Weaver and SGU Senator two, Aubrey Donovan.

Swagbucks: Online Goldmine

BY COLLEEN SHANAHAN
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Now, this reporter knows you have heard it all before: "Click here to claim your FREE LAPTOP, Congratulations, you are the thousandth visitor to our site click here to claim your prize, Like X store? claim your gift card here!" Everyone knows that nine out of ten of these sites are scams to get your personal information and credit card. Well, what if this reporter was to tell you there is actually a legitimate site that gives away prizes without the scam? It's true, and you can start earning bucks to claim amazing prizes.

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2. Swag codes: Swag codes are given out at random times by either "The Swag Guy" or "The Swag Girl." Sometimes the codes will be given straight out, but other times, the codes will be in what is called a "Swag Hunt." This is where either Swag Guy or Girl will give hints as to where to find the codes. With every code, though, comes a time limit. Once the time limit has passed, the code is expired.

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Academic Excellence Day

April 15, 2010

Academic Excellence Day

Thursday, April 15, 2010
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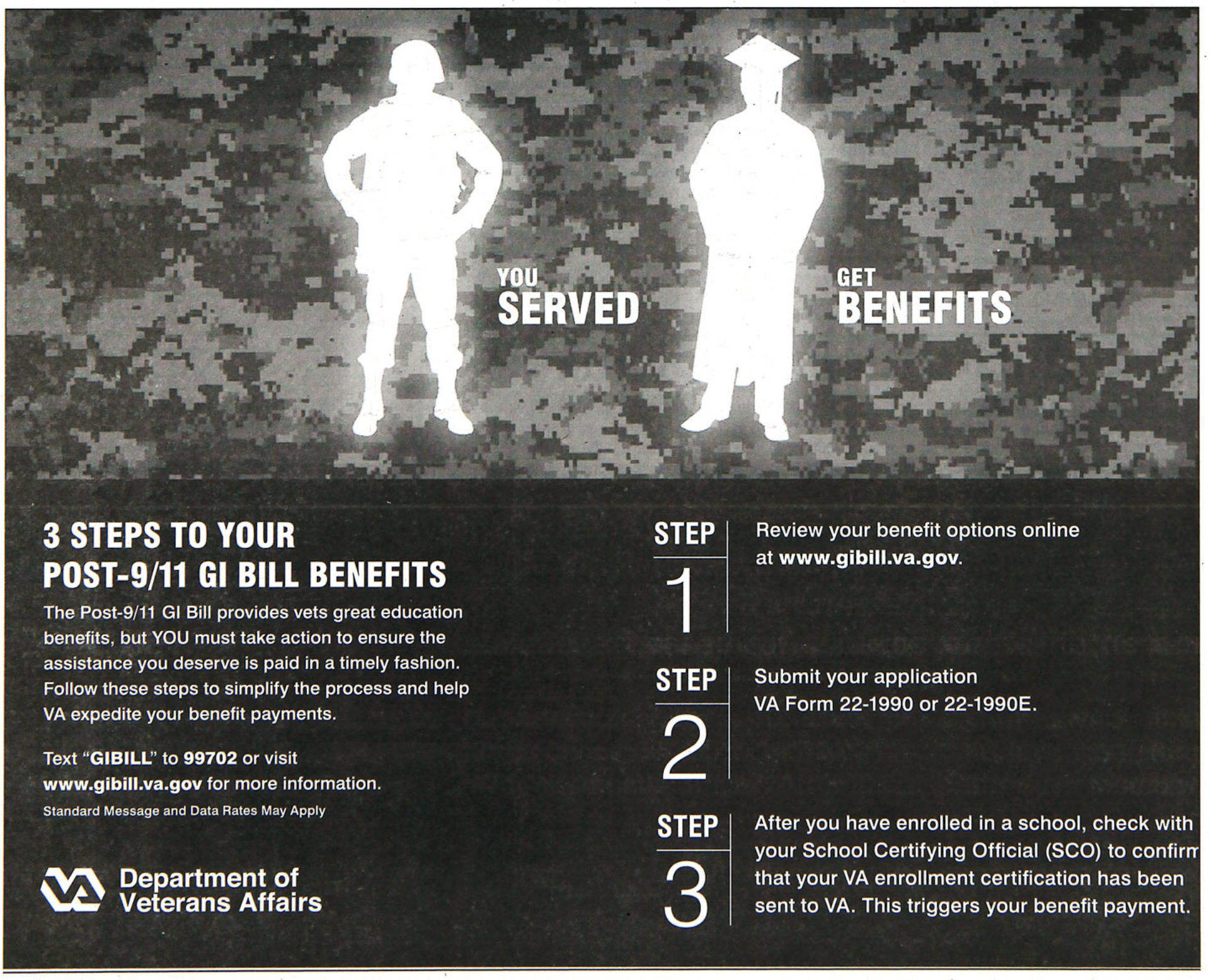
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Pura Vida! SLU SERVE trip to San Jose, Costa Rica

BY LINDSAY RENNER
Lions' Pride Entertainment Editor

One of Saint Leo's many charitable organizations, Students Engaged in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences, better known as SERVE, recently sent a group of 15 students and faculty to San Jose, Costa Rica. The expedition was Saint Leo's first time organizing a trip of this nature through an outside organization, and proved to be a very enriching and positive experience for its participants. According to sophomore Emily Pierce, "The best part of the trip was to be able to give the teachers a much-needed break, and play with some amazing kids at the same time. Experiencing a different way of life was pretty cool too." The group primarily worked at a school, Casa Del Nino in the city itself, but on the weekend ventured out to sites such as the Irazu volcano and Playa de Jaco, one of the country's famous black sand beaches.

At the beginning of the trip, the group went on a tour that encompassed sites such as the Irazu volcano, the Basilica de Nuestra de Senora de Los Angeles, the Orosi Valley (the latter two pictured above) and ended the day with lunch at a restaurant by the river. This was only a very small sample of the natural beauty of the Costa Rican landscape, which is well known for its beaches, rainforests and volcanoes.

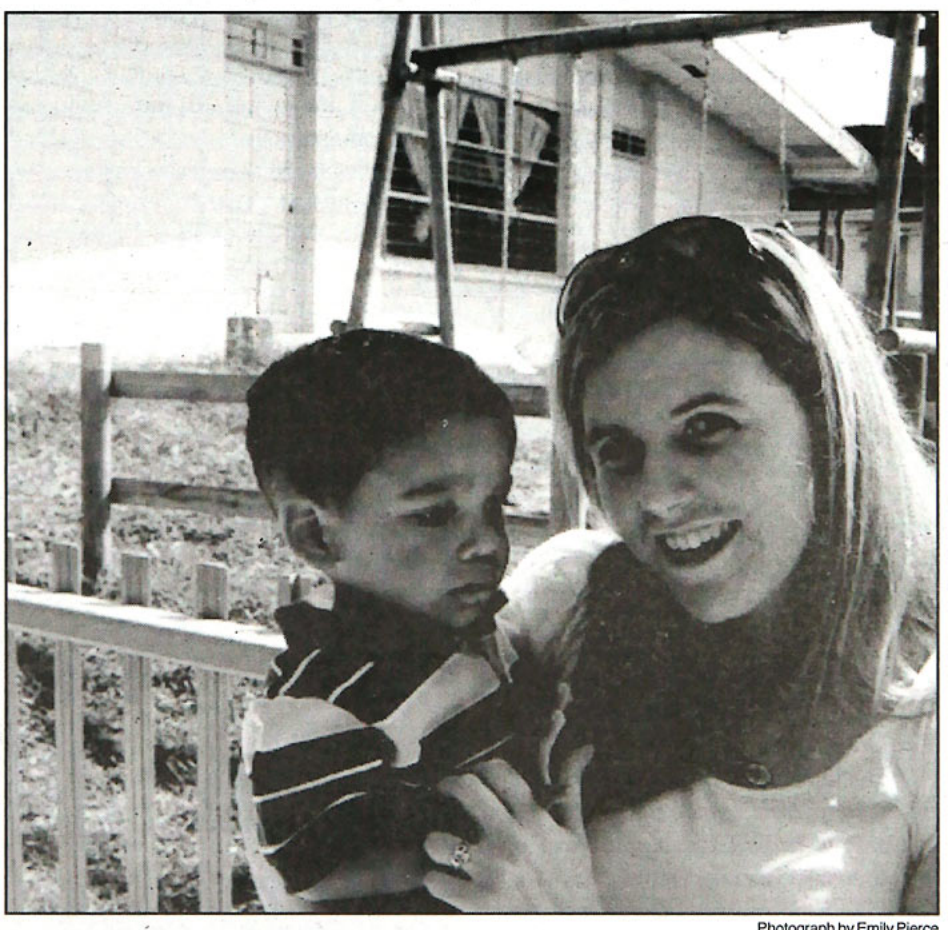
The second part of the weekend brought the group nearly three hours from home, to Playa de Jaco along the Central Pacific coast of Costa Rica. On the way, the group also made a stop to Casa De Cocodrilo, a bridge overlooking a river that had mass amounts of crocodiles sunbathing on its banks. Though hot, and the root of a couple bad sunburns, many said spending the afternoon in Playa De Jaco was among the trip's highlights.

Working at Casa Del Nino proved to be a positive experience for the SERVE Group. Pictured above, on left, is trip leader Chelsea Shoemaker and one of the preschool children from the school, which ranged in age from preschool to roughly second grade; though some estimates from Maximo Nivel, the organization in charge of arranging the trip, report the presence of around 60 children, our group only worked with around 30. Also pictured is participant Cody Parks taking a break from fixing up the school's playground to play with some of the older children.

The group was in charge of handling several different activities for the children in the older grades to participate in, from talent shows to planting flowers to having their vital statistics taken for growth charts. Above, the kids are painting their names and decorations on their flower pots. Later, after the pots were all done, they were able to plant the flowers themselves.

Photograph by Chelsea Shoemaker
The Basilica de Nuestra de Senora de Los Angeles, located in the city of Cartago.

Photograph by Emily Pierce
Jen Cibrone and Ruben Paliz assist children in painting vases.



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Chelsea Shoemaker with one of the daycare children.

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Arts & Entertainment

Edges coming to Saint Leo

BY LEAH HOLLINGSWORTH
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Saint Leo University will be presenting *Edges*, a musical, April 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and April 10 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Edges was written by two college students from the University of Michigan, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, according to their website pasekandpaul.com. Their musical poses the questions that young adults repeatedly ask themselves.

"I chose it because I think it's really relevant to where college students are in their lives and it asks the questions: 'Who am I?' and 'Who do I want to become?' and through our relationships with others we eventually answer those questions," said Melissa Hollis, *Edges* director and Music Director of University Ministries.

Edges is different from most musicals in that it is a song cycle, meaning there is no narrative between songs. The characters are not a part of each others' stories, but are connected by similar themes.

"People should come see the show because it has a little bit of everyone in it. It's a story about life's struggles and triumphs that all of us in some way have experienced. It's a different kind of show that incorporates today's struggles with conveying emotions or even hiding them through cyberspace," said stage manager Hannah Carlton.

Songs in *Edges* range from comedic pieces such as "*Be My Friend* (The Facebook Song)" to more serious ballads such as "*Lying There*." All of the songs are central to the theme of being at crossroads.

"It's a point in your life when you have to make a choice. When two sides meet they form an edge. The songs I sing and the lyrics to them are completely me. I've felt the feelings and I am that girl. What girl you ask? Well if you know me you should know, but if not, come find out," said soon-to-be graduate Amy Persaud.

The cast consists of four students, Adam Wethington, Amy Persaud, Anna Robinson, and Jeremy Valdez. *Edges* is a musical by students, about students, and for students.

"I want people to come with an open mind. Even though this isn't a well known show like *Guys and Dolls*, I believe everyone will be able to relate to it. People should come if they want to laugh, and if they feel as though no one knows what they're going through. I believe *Edges* shows how you're not alone in the world. I hope *Edges* impacts the audience as much as it has [impacted] me," senior Anna Robinson said.

It takes more than just a cast to put on a musical. There are many important roles behind the scenes in the production of a show that ensure the message of the show is being portrayed effectively.

The cast of Edges.

Photograph by Amanda Cassar

"It's my job to make sure that everything behind and in front of the stage runs smoothly and to give the actors the best chance to shine without any bumps in the road.I feel the main message of this musical is to remind everyone that these struggles are necessary in order to find out who we are and where we want to go in our lives. We need to be tested and hurt and out of that hurt we discover more about ourselves. This play, through humorous moments, helps people to realize that things are not always as bad as they seem, and with the help of friends and family, you'll make it through and come out stronger in the end," said Carlton.

Performances will be held in the Marmion Center and tickets are being sold at $10 dollars for adults, $5 dollars for students and free for Saint Leo students with I.D and children under 5 years of age. Parental guidance is suggested. For tickets call (352) 588-8331 or email Mary.ann.neuhofer@saintleo.edu. To support a member of the cast or advertise for your business, buy an advertisement by contacting Melissa.hollis@saintleo.edu. Refreshments and T-shirts will be available during show times.

Review: Woyzeck

"Have you ever seen nature double?"

BY JORDAN COATES
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Georg Buchner's modernist masterpiece, Woyzeck, was acted within the walls of the Selby Auditorium at Saint Leo University.

Buchner began writing Woyzeck in 1835. He was a 23-year-old German playwright, medical student, and social revolutionary. Buchner died and it is unknown when the final scene was actually written. Four drafts of the play were left after he died. All of the original drafts included scenes in different orders, and different endings have been adapted over time. The production by Dave McGinnis followed the play quite closely to the chronological storyline with an added touch of his own personal charisma.

The play centers on the life of a young, lowly rifleman, Franz Woyzeck. Through interactions with his wife, captain, and doctor, it is obvious that he lacks control over his environment, and the circumstances in his life that have weaved together to destroy him. This play is seen as both a dehumanizing and working class tragedy.

"In essence, this play explores how the world actively seeks to terrorize its inhabitants without pity; how life destroys the human free will." McGinnis said in the director's note.

The cast in action.

Photo Courtesy of Facebook

On the third night, the room was crowded with faces of anticipation. The play began with dimmed lights and a spotlight on a simple, yet efficient set. The eerie interaction between the characters Woyzeck and the captain provided a strong lead into the play. The in-sync movement of the two characters and the flow of their lines began the play very well.

Each scene was short, but presented its purpose very well to the play as a whole. Each character was very appropriately dressed. The extra characters were uniquely similar but cleverly separated by wearing the same fabric in different colors.

Julia Teal, the showman, caught the attention of the audience as she rambled on about her horse, shouting what would be a very important lesson for a theme of this production. It should also be added that the horse, Dan Losey, also did a great job and gave the crowd some good laughs, even as he was simply galloping off stage.

In the somewhat confusing, yet intriguing scene within a scene, the characters of Marie and the drum major turned into statues while they held perfect stillness and silence as the opposite scene was taking place.

Christopher Collier, who played Woyzeck, really took on the role naturally. He got across every sense of the craziness of the Woyzeck character. His moments of monologue in the spotlight were captivating and enacted smoothly. He displayed strong passion with anger and insanity. This made the character very believable and attracted the audience's compassion.

Brittney Currie's character was seen in different lights as she fooled the innocent with her baby and then displayed her cruel and animalistic side as she frolicked with the drum major. "We're all going to the devil." Brittany said.

After discovering the wife's infidelity, the audience can feel for Woyzeck. Then, in the fight scene, he is given a physical beating to go along with his heartbreak. As the characters each give him a swift kick, it was the perfect portrayal of the saying, "kick him while he's down," in both figurative and literal sense.

Through the scenes and the promising acting, the insanity and hurt within Woyzeck showed on stage. The tragic scene of murder appeared as real as it could be on a campus stage, and it left questions of what might happen next.

This is a very deep play and can be seen as quite somber. The Saint Leo cast did a good job of conveying this while still producing an enjoyable and interesting play. The audience may have felt as crazy as Woyzeck after the play since such a play can be quite confusing. Nonetheless, the characters performed their best and undoubtedly left their audience in discussion about the true nature of this play. That is, whatever the true nature of the play was to be. Buchner left it up to his audience to discover that. Whether it has this ending or another ending, the story of Woyzeck is one that will keep its edge for years to come.

Don't forget to eat your peas!

Eating in a multicultural city: a survey of food in Toronto, Canada

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Flavorful, authentic Asian cuisine, spicy curies, ice teas in hundreds of flavors, addicting and cost efficient iced-coffee, and some maple syrup.

These are just some of the delicious treats I encountered while roaming the (GTA) Greater Toronto Area. Toronto, Canada, is famous for many things. According to Toronto.com, the city is home to the largest free-standing sculpture, the *CN Tower*, which is 1815 feet tall, and also contains the largest street in the world, Yonge Street. Toronto is a very safe city, so I could roam downtown at night without fear of being mugged. However, I think that Toronto's greatest perk is its population diversity. Toronto.com states that Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world, as 50 percent of its inhabitants were born outside of the country. Torontonians collectively speak over 140 different languages and dialects. This allows for acceptance of different religions, clothing styles, music, and food. When walking down the street, a visitor of the city can expect to pass by several different types of ethnic restaurants. There are variants of Chinese, Greek, Japanese, Indian, Sri Lankan, Italian, Korean, and Caribbean cookery, just to name a few. These are in addition to Canada treats such as poutines and Canadian bacon. On my visit to the Toronto area, I ate five meals on five days to report on.

Meal One
Restaurants:
Harvey's (a burger joint, found only in Canada).
Tim Horton's (a coffee shop that is such a huge hit in Canada, it has migrated to some American states).

On my first full day there, I decided to eat some traditional Canadian treats. I went to *Harvey's* to get a poutine, which is a large cup of french fries with cheese, or cheese curds, and gravy. It was absolutely delicious! Cheese curds may sound gross, but they are actually very tasty, especially with gravy. This poutine was filling and satisfying to the taste buds. Afterward, I went to *Tim Horton's* to grab a hazelnut ice cappuccino. The ice cappuccino is roughly the size of a Grande iced frappuccino at *Starbucks* for half the price, and more flavor. Overall, I was very pleased with my Canadian meal.

Meal Two
Restaurant: *Lotuspond Vegetarian Restaurant* (an Asian style restaurant specializing in vegan and vegetarian meals.)

In Toronto and areas surrounding, there are many wonderful food options for vegetarians and vegans. I decided to visit an Asian restaurant and have an entirely vegan meal. I ordered sweet and sour chicken, hot and sour soup, and dim sum. Although each meal is commonly made with meat, this restaurant used alternatives for each item, and managed to make them taste almost exactly like they normally do, and in some cases, even better. The sweet and sour chicken was what I was most concerned about eating, because I figured it would taste like other chicken alternatives I have tried, and haven't particularly liked. To my surprise and delight, the "chicken" was spectacular! It was battered, and soy and tofu was combined with spices to make it actually taste like chicken—which it did. The hot and sour soup was spiced perfectly, not too spicy, and not too mild, and instead of its typical pork, it contained additional tofu, which tasted just fine. The dim sum, usually made with shrimp or pork, was instead made with either soy or tofu products. I am unsure of which, but I do know that it was really great dim sum!

Meal Three
Restaurant: *Biryani House* (An Indian Buffet)

For my third meal, I ate at an Indian buffet. The buffet had a large variety of items such as somosas (fried dumpling-like objects with chickpeas and other items mixed with spices,) mango ribs (spare ribs with mango chutney sauce,) and chicken massala (chicken in tomato sauce and spices.) There were many more items, but too many to list, and many I probably couldn't spell. Whether I can spell them or not, they were all so interesting and delightful. I really like the different combinations of spices that are used in the preparation of Indian food.

Meal Four
Restaurants:
Noodle Delight (a Chinese restaurant)
Bubble Tease (an Asian drink stand that has hundreds of ice tea flavors)

At *Noodle Delight*, I ordered yang chow fried rice, which is a Cantonese dish that traditionally includes shrimp and pork. I was given a generous portion, which filled me up so much that I had half of it left over afterward. I enjoyed it very much. Afterward, I walked to the *Bubble Tease* stand nearby, and ordered a passion fruit bubble tea (an iced tea with flavoring and softened tapioca that are accompanied by a large, wide straw.) I love bubble tea. Bubble tea is available in Tampa, but it is hard to find.

Meal Five
Restaurant: *I Love Roti*

I Love Roti is my favorite restaurant in the Toronto area, so I saved it for last. I ordered a chicken roti, which is curry chicken inside of a soft bread-like wrap which is filled with chickpeas. I also ordered a double, which is two pieces of coconut bread filled with curried chickpeas. Whenever I visit the city, I order a roti, and it always tastes fantastic, however, I had never tried a double before, so that was a new experience. The double was pretty good, but a little too heavy on the chickpeas. Roti is still my favorite dish at *I Love Roti*, and I like to eat it with lots of hot sauce!

Overall, the food I ate in Toronto was very pleasing, and I really enjoyed eating cuisine from different cultures and ethnicities. The diversity helped me learn about different cultures and their food dishes, which I would otherwise only be able to try in their home countries. I cannot wait to go back and try some more.

The CN Tower in Toronto. Photograph by Cheralyn Barrington

Record store day returns

BY ANDREW LEVENGOOD
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On the third Saturday of every April since 2008 ,record stores that sell 50% music retail, are not publicly traded, and have 70% of their stores in the state they originated in, sell special releases from various artists available in no other capacity.

Record Store Day was started on April 19, 2008 with a performance by Metallica in San Francisco. Since then, it has featured special releases, meet and greets, and other various music related activities.

The idea was created by a man named Chris Brown,(who bears no relation to the R &B singer), and was founded by Eric Levin, Michael Kurtz, Carrie Colliton, Amy Dorfman, Don Van Cleave and Brian Poehner. In American, 700 stores participated in addition to hundreds more internationally. Most musicians have responded to record store day with resounding support.

"It was in a tiny little record store back in the early Sixties in my hometown of Hannover, West Germany, where I put the headphones on to listen to a rare song that was really hard to find in those days. "My Bonnie" by Tony Sheridan & the Beat Brothers (later known as The Beatles) rocked my heart and started a passion that never left. *Record Store Day* forever! Cheers," said Klaus Meine of the Scorpions.

Ian Gillan of Deep Purple offered a different approach to support Record Store Day.

"Buy real records in real shops, or I'll come round your house and scream at your mother," Said Gillian

Henry Rollins, former lead singer of Black Flag, offered his opinion on saving the record business and music purchasing.

"I have watched independent record stores evaporate all over America and Europe. That's why I go into as many as I can and buy records whenever possible. If we lose the independent record store, we lose big. Every time you buy your records at one of these places, it's a blow to the empire," said Rollins.

Bruce Springsteen offered his opinion on how record stores are changing.

"I buy CDs all the time. I'll go into a record store and just buy $500 worth of CDs. I will! I am singlehandedly supporting what's left of the record business. I hate to see record stores disappear, and I'm old-school in that I think you should pay for your music. But what my kids do is download a lot of things, pay for them, and then if they love something, they'll get the CD. That may be the future," said Springsteen.

This year, *Record Store Day* features many special releases including an exclusive live EP by Jimi Hendrix, a new single, Wrecking Ball, by Bruce Springsteen, an EP by Queens of the Stone Age previously unavailable in America, and a single by the new super group, *Them Crooked Vultures,* featuring an unreleased track called *Highway 1*. Also many albums will be reissued on vinyl for the very first time and many albums from the past will be available remastered and in new formats.

Record store day will be supported by many area record stores, but they all are located in Tampa. These are Vinyl Fever, both of Hot Wax's locations, Mojo Books and Music, and Sound Exchange. For more information on all the releases and participating stores go to recordstoreday.com.

Sports

Jones Recovering from Unexpected Accident

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On February 20, 2010, the Saint Leo women's soccer team traveled to Stetson University to play in a 7v7 spring tournament. Freshman Kelli Jones, who had played in all 16 games for the Lions in the fall, was there with the rest of her team participating in the tournament. It was supposed to be another day of normal soccer games for Jones, a midfielder from Wheaton, Illinois, but a freak accident changed everything.

Jones, who attended Wheaton Warrenville South High School in Illinois, started 12 games for Saint Leo during the 2009 fall season. She scored the first goal of her college career on September 25, 2009 against Clearwater Christian. For this season, she totaled two goals and two assists in more than 1100 minutes of playing time.

On that day in February however, Jones didn't get much playing time. As she approached her opponent who had the ball during one of the games, her opponent attempted to clear the ball. Jones turned her head as she saw the kick coming but the ball struck her in the back of the head. She went down immediately. Without delay, Coach Ged O'Connor came to her aid.

Jones never lost consciousness and was communicating fine with her teammates and coach. She felt nothing more than a headache. After a few minutes, she left the field under her own power and did not play for the rest of the day. While on the sidelines, she remained coherent and was monitored throughout the day.

Once the team returned to campus that night, Jones was checked out by the athletic trainer and seemed fine. Later that night, it was determined that she should be checked out at the hospital. She was taken to Pasco Regional Medical Center where they checked her out and felt that she should be transferred to Tampa General Hospital.

Jones' parents flew down to accompany her while in the hospital. She remained there for three days before being released. After leaving the hospital she returned to her home in Illinois with her parents to be monitored and begin recovering

Photo by Mike Carlson
#14 Kelli Jones

She remains at home, and according to her coach and teammates, who are in contact with her regularly, she is recovering extremely well and is showing signs of great improvement and is expected to fully recover.

In the upcoming season, Jones is again expected to play an important role in the success of the Saint Leo Women's soccer team.

Senior Swimmer Coaching in the Community

BY JESSICA PALL & MINDY PIERCE
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Senior swimmer Kyle Gramm is finished with collegiate athletics, but is continuing his athletic career with coaching.

This semester, Gramm is interning as a sixth grade math teacher at Centennial Middle School in Dade City, where he was appointed the boy's head track coach for this season.

Gramm holds practices after school five days a week for an hour and a half.

"I am enjoying being the track coach," Senior Kyle Gramm said, "I feel that this position will give me valuable experience and help me obtain my desired career as a math teacher.

Kyle Gramm Courtesy of Mike Carlson

Ultimately, I would like to continue coaching throughout my teaching career."

Gramm said that his experience as an athlete here helped him attain the job. Understanding how college athletics worked and being part of the team, helps Gramm manage his own team, and his ability to help his runners to achieve personal goals. As Gramm was a captain of the swim team, this leadership position helped his transition between being an athlete to a coach easier. Overall, Gramm is happy with this new position, hoping to have a successful season with Cyclones, and is glad he is able to use his athletic experience to give back to the community.

Saint Leo joins National College Athlete Honor Society

BY JESSICA PALL
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On April 21st, a ceremony will be held at Kafe Kocopelli in Dade City, FL to induct the inaugural class of Zeta Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society (NCAHS).

20 members will be inducted at this ceremony, with men's soccer junior Bruce Cutler achieving the highest G.P.A. of 3.97, followed by cross country runners Alison Luthman and Emily Zambito, tying at 3.91.

"We are please to institute another way to recognize our outstanding student-athletes, this time on a national level," Athletic Director Fran Reidy said. "They deserve this honor and recognition."

NCAHS recognizes the most important academic students of collegiate athletics. Chi Alpha Sigma is represented at 187 colleges and Universities in 40 states. The first member and creator, DePaw University, is the Alpha Charter.

Saint Leo joins four other Universities from Florida who recognize this Honor Society, including Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and University of Florida.

Although there are many organizations that honor top athletes with high academic achievements, there were none that honored all participants of a team, who succeed both in the classroom and at their sport. Thus, founded in May 17, 1996 at Depaw University of Greencastle Indiana, Chi Alpha Sigma recognizes college students who received a varsity letter in their sport and have attained a G.P.P of 3.5 or higher after five full semesters.

The purpose of the NCAHS is to encourage, recognize, and enhance student athlete's academic accomplishments. Both a self nomination and nomination from a coach or member of athletic department is required.

The criteria for nomination includes leadership skills, commitment to community service, high academic record, athletic accomplishments and potential, discipline, determination, good moral character, and a positive attitude.

This year's inaugural class has committed to participate in a community service project of helping organizing food before the semester ends.

Overall, Saint Leo recognizes the importance of academics for the student-athletes. Other recent accomplishments include 37 Saint Leo student-athletes who were named to the 2009 Sunshine State Conference Honor Roll. Requirements to be eligible for this honor roll were to attain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2 and be a member of a Sunshine State Conference DII sport's team. Men and women's cross country and soccer, and women's volleyball were eligible for this award.

Volleyball Kaitlin McKenna and Cross Country runners Emily Zambito and Eric Dirth posted 4.0 grade point averages, placing them at top qualification for this Honor Roll.

For the 2008-2009 seasons, women's soccer and softball, and men and women's cross country and swim teams were recognized with All Academic Awards this year. With only a few weeks left of the semester, hopefully student-athletes will end this year strong and continue their efforts in both the classroom and their sport.

Senior Spotlight

BY JESSICA PALL & MINDY PIERCE
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Photo by Mike Carlson

Gina Schifano, from Tampa, Florida, is majoring in Biology, and hopes to go to graduate school and get her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Schifano has contributed a lot to the Tennis team over her four years. She has obtained the Excellence Awards her Freshman and Sophomore years (2007 &2008). She was deemed Sunshine State Conference player of the week in 2008, and won the Sodexo Award worth $1,000 Scholarship for Saint Leo Women's Tennis in 2009.

Schifano reminisces her collegiate tennis career with her favorite memory being her Sophomore year and going to Regionals for the first time in SLU's tennis program history.

"It was amazing. Our team just clicked and we were strong all around. That year was our year and I will never forget it!" said Schifano.

Other hobbies that Schifano enjoys working out, friends, and being happy. Congratulations Gina, the Lions' Pride wishes you success with the rest of your senior year!